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Federal budget reductions

State may lose \$56 per person

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WASHINGTON — Texas would lose \$56 in federal cash for every state resident under President Reagan's proposed domestic spending cuts in fiscal year 1986, according to a study released Tuesday.

Texas would get \$900 million less than the amount of federal money it would need to maintain current levels, according to the report from the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

The public employees' union said the cuts would amount to a \$14 billion reduction below the amount of money needed to maintain the status quo nationwide.

In per capita reductions, Texas ranked fourth among all the states, the union said.

The list included federal grants to local and state governments for programs such as bilingual education, job training, subsidized meals, welfare and transportation programs, and programs that pay individuals,

such as food stamps, Supplemental Security Income and college student aid.

The biggest reduction in Texas' share of the federal money would be in general revenue sharing, which Reagan proposes to eliminate. The state would need \$239 million in fiscal 1985 stay even, the AFSCME report said.

Next largest would be a reduction in Medicare of \$188 million from the projected need of \$3.7 billion, the report said.

Other large reductions would come in federal highway funds — \$78 million less than the projected amount needed to maintain current levels; urban mass transit — \$72 million less; child nutrition programs — \$44 million less; and Medicaid — \$38 million less.

Texas would have to get \$19.9 billion for fiscal year 1986 to maintain current program levels, the report said. Under the Reagan budget, it would receive \$19 billion.

Van de Walle named to head 1985-86 A&M Corps of Cadets

By DAINAH BULLARD
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The 1985-86 commander and deputy commander for the Corps of Cadets were announced during the evening meal Tuesday in Duncan Dining Hall.

Curt Van de Walle, a civil engineering major from Hondo, will be Corps commander. Henry Werchan, an electrical engineering major from Houston, will be deputy commander.

The two cadets were interviewed last week after being nominated for the positions. John Koldus, vice president for student services, and Gen. Ormond Simpson, assistant vice president for student services, approved the nominations. Frank E. Vandiver, president of Texas A&M University, gave final approval Tuesday.

Van de Walle, the sergeant major of the Corps for the 1984-85 school year, said he and Werchan haven't had time to make concrete plans for the forthcoming year. However,

they do have some ideas, he said.

"We want to get back to the basics of the Corps of Cadets," he said. "We'll be eliminating people we don't feel are contributing to the mission or purpose of the Corps of Cadets, and making sure people have a purpose, have a mission."

Van de Walle said he and Werchan will start developing their ideas now so the Corps will be in order when the fall '85 semester begins.

"Anything we want to get done next year, the groundwork's going to have to be laid for this year," he said. "The Corps kind of had its feet knocked out from under them (this year). We'll get to build it up, take it back to the straight and narrow. We want to produce good officers and civilian leaders."

Werchan, 1st Brigade sergeant major for the 1984-85 school year, agreed that it's time to start planning. However, the cadets must first finish their business this semester, he said.

"A lot remains to be done this



Curt Van de Walle

year," Werchan said. "But we do need to kick things off for next year. We have to be sure of ourselves before we leave for the summer. And we have to set realistic goals."

As Corps commander, Van de Walle will be the leader and spokesman for the Corps and the liaison between the Corps and Trigon officials. The duties of the deputy commander include presiding over cadet court and a number of boards, standing in for the Corps commander when necessary, and "a lot of paperwork," Werchan said.

The two cadets said they will function as a team. Their first official duties will include selecting the rest of Corps staff. Juniors (seniors in 1985-86) will be interviewed for staff positions the week of March 18 to March 22, Van de Walle said. Interviews for sophomores (juniors in 1985-86) will follow. The current Corps staff and Commandant of Cadets Col. Donald Burton, or a representative from his office, also will participate in the interviews, Van de Walle said.

After Corps staff positions are filled, major and minor outfits will select their commanders, Van de Walle said.

Curriculum proposal hearing set for today

By KIRSTEN DIETZ
Staff Writer

Students and faculty can voice their opinions on the Faculty Senate's proposed core curriculum today during a public hearing on the recommendation.

The Core Curriculum Subcommittee of the Faculty Senate will hold its second of three public hearings at 3 p.m. in 140 and 140A MSC. The hearing will last until 4:30 p.m.

Dr. Paul Parrish, vice chairman of the subcommittee, says students should come because they are the best ones to judge the strengths and weaknesses of the recommended curriculum. He also says they should show some

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Student Senate

Pari-mutuel betting, housing bills up for vote

By JERRY OSLIN
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The Student Senate will vote on a bill tonight that calls on the Senate to support pari-mutuel betting and horse racing in Texas.

Tamara Grubb, the bill's sponsor, said the state needs the revenue that horse racing would bring.

"Since horse racing would bring more agricultural jobs to Texas, Texas A&M graduates would be offered more opportunity," she said.

State Rep. Richard Smith, R-College Station, will speak to the Senate about higher education and the budget crunch in Texas.

The Senate also will vote on two student housing bills.

The first bill recommends that the University Housing Office reserve dormitory space for single graduate students entering Texas A&M for a one-year duration.

The second bill calls for the establishment of a coed dormitory on campus. The bill says the one coed dorm would be established on an experimental basis.

The Senate also will vote on an open forum bill that would allow students to voice their opinions during Senate meetings.

Approval of the bill would allow students three minutes to speak if they reserve a time slot in advance with the Student Government secretary.

The bill also says that the student shall be subject to removal if he "ex-

ceeds the bounds of good taste and decency."

Wayne Roberts, vice president of student services, said the open forum bill is needed because the Senate is not getting consistent input from students.

Vice President of Finance Mike Kelley will introduce a bill with recommendations for the spending of the \$3.8 million in student service fee allocations for the 1985-86 school year. The Student Government Finance Committee is responsible for making spending recommendations on the student service fee allocations.

The bill also recommends that the University's student service fee remain at \$54.50 per semester for the 1985-86 school year.

The Senate meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in 204 Harrington.

Homeless not a major problem in area

Editor's note: This is the second article in a three-part series examining the plight of Brazos County's homeless.

By DAINAH BULLARD
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Twin City Mission in Bryan, the only shelter for homeless people within a 100-mile radius, aided from 105 to 141 transients each month in 1984.

But even considering these numbers, officials from the police departments of Texas A&M University, Bryan and College Station say homeless people are not a major

problem in the area. And when they do discover homeless people, officials find help for them, usually at the Mission.

Bob Wiatt, director of security and traffic at Texas A&M, says there have been some isolated cases of homeless people sleeping in campus buildings.

"Basically we don't have any problems," Wiatt says. "We are very diligent to make sure these people don't use the campus as a sofa for a weary head."

University Police usually discover transient people within two days of their arrival on campus and tell

them to leave, Wiatt says. The police tell the transients they will be arrested for criminal trespassing if they are found on campus again, he says.

One of the more recent cases handled by University Police concerned a woman who slept in Reed McDonald Building for a few nights last spring.

"We had to advise that particular individual to leave Reed McDonald," Wiatt says. "She then slept for two nights on the golf course. We eventually turned her over to the local welfare agencies."

University Police make efforts to

find help for the homeless people they find on campus, Wiatt says, but the safety of Texas A&M students is their top priority.

Wiatt says homeless people are a problem in many cities. These people haunt vacant housing projects and construction sites, and sleep under bridges, in sewers and cardboard shanties, he says. However, the word is out that the Texas A&M campus is not a good camp ground, he says.

"In all your cities, be they Bryan, College Station, New York or Chi-

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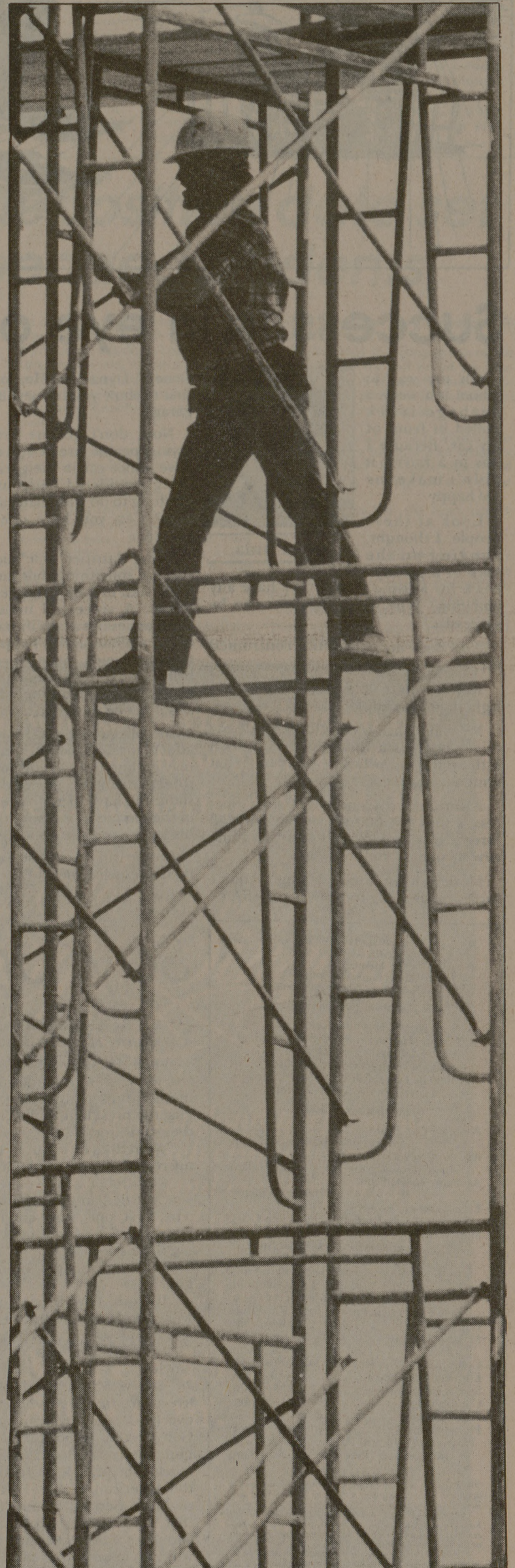


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Scaffolding Art

A construction worker makes his way through the scaffolding that surrounds the Engineering Physics Building. The scaffolding has been put up for the bricklayers to stand on as they work on the outside of the building. The bricklayers work at heights of up to five stories.